



Mason-Dixon Bernese Mountain Dog Club

Berner Tales

Fall 2012

Calendar

Halloween Potluck Picnic

Sunday October 21 at Valerie and Bill's
"farm"

11:30 Appetizers

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Costume Parade

Westminster Holiday Parade

Saturday November 24, 2012

MDBMDC Rescue Event

Health Clinic

January 6, 2013

Wendy's School for Dogs

809 New Holland Ave

Lancaster, PA

Eyes, hearts and more!

Dog Walk in Valley Forge

February, 2013 date TBD

MDBMDC Regional Specialty and Supported Entry

Friday March 15, 2013 and

Saturday March 16, 2013

Draft Tests with BMDCW

April 6 & 7, 2013

HALLOWEEN PICNIC

See the enclosed flyer.

Everyone is invited, friends with Berners, puppy
buyers, members of other clubs.

Dogs and kids in costume get a raffle ticket.

Lots of great prizes - something for everyone!



Rescue Report at the end of August from Babs Wincur

Rescue continues to be busy in 2012. They just took in the 11th rescue dog for the year and have placed or rehomed 8 dogs so far this year. Here are some of them.



Cooper is a 3year old male, neutered; surrendered because family didn't have room for him - 3 kids and another on the way - so he was kept outside; didn't have enough time for him; updated him on vaccines, microchipped, treated for Lymes; adopted by Bill and Nancy Tindall, a retired couple that likes to take Cooper to their beach house; Cooper has a new cat friend named Leroy.

Bump - 6yo male from Tri-county Animal Control in Charles County, MD; turned into shelter due to owner illness. The shelter contacted us because Bump wasn't doing well there and fearful. We neutered him and treated him for a skin infection. Bump bit when meeting two members of the foster family - a fear reaction (no severe injury to those involved); he was immediately removed from the foster home and turned over to Michele Todd, one of our volunteers who does behavior modification training. Bump made good progress with Michele, but continued to show serious guarding issues with anyone but her. He was transported to Vilma Briggs in Ohio in the hopes that she could continue behavior modification and eventually place him.

Woodley - 1yo neutered male with weak rear tarsis (needs braces). Valerie and April have been working with this family since last October with behavior and medical issues. He is being rehomed due to owner not having enough time or patience to take care of him. VOSM diagnosed his orthopedic problems. A young couple in Baltimore has met Woodley and are interested in taking him when they return from their honeymoon. This will be a rehome, rather than relinquish and adopt.



Penny is an 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ year old spayed female that we placed in 2009. The adoptive owner is relocating to CA due to job and feels Penny is too old to make the trip. Penny was rehomed with a young couple in Charlotte, NC who are interested in caring for older rescues.



Queenie is an 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ year old female that was surrendered by Amish family that got her from a Mennonite breeder that no longer wanted her. They turned her over to rescue because she won't stay on their property and they don't want to keep her tied up or in the barn. She's great with children, dogs, and cats. She is being fostered and housetrained by Patty Franklin in Pottstown. **Queenie** has been treated for a UTI and has been spayed She's very thin but otherwise seems in good health. Turns out she is a litter mate to **Penny**. We have a couple of adoptive families interested in meeting Queenie.



Rocco is a very fat 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ year old neutered male that was relinquished by his owner because of changing family status and because he sheds too much. This is the same owner that relinquished Puppy/Millie 18 months ago. Rocco is a sweetheart, calm, good with dogs, cats, kids, people. He will be vetted, brought up to date and fostered for a couple weeks, but should be ready to be placed quickly.

Events MDBMDC Rescue has or will be attending

9/22 - Dogs Day in the Park, New Freedom, PA (moved from York), Babs Wincur and April Clark

9/30 - Woofstock, Harrisburg river front, 11-5 (April)

10/14 - Tail Waggers Trot, Buchanan Park, Lancaster 11-4 (Bab and April)

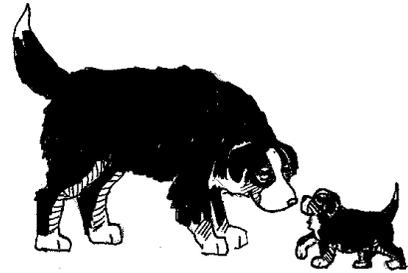
Upcoming: **Westminster Holiday Parade on Nov 24.** We may need another vehicle, since Eddie Merrell is undergoing treatment for cancer and is unsure how well he'll be. Send Eddie good thoughts!

Foster homes and rescue volunteers needed!! Current volunteers worn out. Beth Sheehy volunteered kennel space, especially if we have a pregnant bitch. Contact April Clark at jabbclark@comcast.net if you can help!

Babs is completing an application to have our rescue program become a Rescue/Placement Partner with Chester County SPCA.

An added note from Valerie Chase. Not all rescues are successful. Sometimes people abandon dogs that are in terrible physical condition and the MDBMDC Rescue folks, after much vet work and soul searching, have to agree with vets that euthanasia is necessary. This is just as hard for them as losing one of their own dogs. Please give April and Babs support and a big hug when you see them. It has not been an easy summer!

Mason-Dixon Bernese Mountain Dog Club Annual Halloween Potluck and Costume Party



Sunday, October 21, 2012
19241 Middletown Rd.
Parkton, MD 21120
11:30 – 4pm

Appetizers at 11:30 am with conversation, big feed at 12:30 pm, and then fun and games at 1:30. Light rain or shine – the dogs don't care and the humans can hide under pop-ups. **Cancelled if raining hard and no rain date.** Social dogs can run loose in the large fenced pasture. All intact males over 1 yr on leash, please!

Hosts provide a main dish and **all desserts**, hot cider, water, plates and utensils. Bring an appetizer, salad or main dish to share, folding chairs and/or tables and maybe a pop-up.

Don't sit under the pine trees – they are shedding needles this time of year!

RSVP to Valerie at vchase529@att.net or 410-357-8290 by the 19th.

Free Raffle prizes for dogs and kids in costume!

This is a good event for new Berner owners who are interested in the club, but do not belong. Please invite anyone you know with a Berner(s). Non-Berners dogs with a Berner family are welcome IF they are civil and well-behaved.



From I 83 North or South: Take Exit 31 (Middletown Rd.), which is about 7 miles south of the PA border. Go WEST on Middletown Rd. 2.4 miles. About ¼ of a mile beyond Wally's Country Store and BP Gas, turn right down a rocky driveway between two 1970's ranchers. Look for the red flag at the mailbox. Unload at the left curve in the front pasture. Go past the house to the back pasture to park. Walk to front pasture.

From the Northwest: (Westminster or Hanover). Come SOUTH on PA 851. Where 851 curves left to go to New Freedom, about 1/3 of a mile beyond the Rutters Mini-Mart, go STRAIGHT and you will be on Middletown Rd. Pass Prettyboy Elementary School on the right and then look for Pine Grove Methodist Church on the left. Past the church, look for the red flag on the left and turn left onto the rocky drive just past the flag and mailboxes. Miss the turn? Go to Wally's and head back up the road.

NOTE: ROCKY DRIVEWAY! Coming down, use the right (pine) side of the driveway and the median hump but go left of the exposed root near the bottom. Leaving stay left except for the root. This root is big enough to do damage.